

Supervision of Children and Curfew Policy Statement

Whether a dog bite, a near accident because a child was in the street, or a curious child injured in the kitchen, we are reminded daily that the world is a dangerous place obligating us to do everything we can to protect our children. As such, parents and guardians are responsible for appropriate and adequate supervision of their minor family members at all times, whether on or off base.

This policy applies to all military members, civilian employees and their family members assigned to or visiting Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, and Negishi and Ikego Housing Areas. Any minor violating the curfew policy will be detained by base security until his or her sponsor, guardian, or a representative of the sponsor's command comes to assume custody. Violations may provide a basis for referral to Family Advocacy and/or revocation of command sponsorship for the family.

The following policy applies to all minors:

Age of Child	Left Unattended in Quarters	Left Alone Overnight (2230-0530) (10:30PM-5:30AM)	Left in Playground Unsupervised	Left in Car Unsupervised
0-5 yrs	NO	NO	NO	NO
6-9 yrs	NO	NO	YES *	NO
10-15 yrs	YES	NO	YES	YES
16+yrs	YES	YES **	YES	YES

* ADULT WITHIN HEARING OR VISUAL CONTACT

** WITH ACCESS TO ADULT SUPERVISOR

Children under 12 years of age will not baby sit other children, including their siblings. Baby-sitters under the age of 16 may supervise until 2400 but are not allowed to sit all night or essentially all night. In addition, all children under the age of 18, unless accompanied or supervised by their parent or designated adult guardian, will remain off the streets and out of the public areas within Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, and Negishi and Ikego Housing Areas from 2230-0530 daily. However, curfew hours on Friday, Saturday, and holidays are extended to 2400-0530 only for high school seniors. Organizers of special events that may result in children returning during restricted hours will inform base security of such events.

Personality, environment, developmental progress and maturity levels are factors parents must use to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. Parents should assess their children's maturity and, if necessary, raise the minimum age limits outlined above.

Parents who have questions about this policy may contact the Fleet and Family Support Center Director at 243-9611.